

Looking UP

Calvary Church Weekly News

Easter Celebrations at Calvary

Easter is just a week away, and Calvary has TWO morning worship services planned to celebrate the sacrificial death and victorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Pastor Munro will bring a powerful message entitled "Life After Death," and the Calvary Choir and Orchestra, plus our Student Ministry Choir, will lead us in praise and worship!

On Good Friday we will gather for a special communion service at 7:00 PM. And the Spanish congregation will meet at 6:45 AM for a sunrise service on Easter morning in the Chapel. (This service is in Spanish, with English translation provided.) As we prepare for our largest Sunday attendance of the year, please pray about those you might invite to join us for worship!

Good Friday Communion Service ■ April 10, 7:00 PM, Sanctuary

Easter Sunday Services ■ April 12, 9:00 & 10:45 AM, Sanctuary

Spanish Sunrise Service ■ April 12, 6:45 AM, Chapel

Adult Life Groups, middle school and high school groups, and classes for grade school children **will not meet** on Easter Sunday. Nursery and preschool classes through age 4 will be provided during all Easter services.

Easter Serving Opportunities ■ Extra ushers are needed on Easter Sunday morning at both services. Our friendly team of ushers welcomes and assists guests throughout the campus, helping them find a seat, directing them to the nursery, distributing the Looking Up newsletter, and receiving the offering. Please plan to arrive 30 minutes before the service.

Contact: Malcolm Weeks, 704.551.2071, malcolm.weeks@xerox.com

Extra nursery and preschool workers are needed for our Easter services. Please contact the Children's Ministry office or sign up online in the Serving Center this week, so that the required forms and background check may be completed. Volunteers should arrive 20 minutes before the service begins. Contact: Susan Grigg, 704.341.5356 sgrigg@calvarychurch.com

New series focuses on forgiveness

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you" — Ephesians 4:32

On Sunday, April 19, Pastor Munro will begin a new message series about God's forgiveness of us and our forgiveness of others. Issues we'll consider include barriers to forgiveness, desires for vengeance, the power of forgiveness, the freedom forgiveness produces, the cost of forgiveness, forgiveness in the home, and forgiving when it is tough to do so. Be sure to join us the Sunday after Easter at our **regular service time, 9:45 AM**, for this new series!

Register now for Ladies' Night Out

Women of Calvary, it's time for a Ladies' Night Out complete with friends, fun, and delicious desserts! You'll "meet" some of the most influential women of the Bible—Eve, Mrs. Noah, Rahab, Esther, Hannah, Mary, and Lydia—and be inspired by how they made a difference in God's Kingdom in their day. And our guest speaker, Cathy Reed, will encourage us to make an impact for Christ on our world today. **This FREE event will be Thursday, April 30 at 7:00 PM** in the Crown Room. It will be the perfect opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors!

Please help us prepare by registering at www.calvarychurch.com or sign up at Galleria table 3 today. Due to food preparation requirements, the deadline to register is Sunday, April 26. Contact: Barbara Rheuark, 704.341.5327, brheuark@calvarychurch.com

Pastor Munro greets newcomers today

Are you new to Calvary? If so, you're encouraged to join Dr. and Mrs. Munro in the Rea Road Room this morning immediately after the worship service. Refreshments and coffee will be prepared for you, plus you'll hear more about the vision and ministry of Calvary Church. Please take this opportunity to connect and have your questions answered!

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From the Senior Pastor

Go into all the world

One of the enduring memories of my recent trip to India is the overwhelming multitudes of people. The present population of India is almost 1.2 billion. Only 2% profess the name of Christ, and many of these are merely nominal Christians. We're thankful that in a small way Calvary Church is involved in bringing the glorious Gospel of Jesus to India.



Dr. John H. Munro

Yet, millions of our fellow Americans do not have a living personal relationship with Jesus Christ. On Easter Sunday more people will be in American churches than on any other day of the year. This presents Calvary Church with a great opportunity. We don't have to travel over 7,000 miles to reach the millions of unchurched Americans: cross the street, invite a neighbor, call a friend, email an acquaintance, personally ask a family member. This week, invite someone to attend one of our Easter Sunday services, and pray that many will come to know Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life. ■

Ready to become a member of Calvary?

Becoming a member of Calvary Church is a significant commitment to participate and fellowship in the common life and ministry of our congregation. If you have trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and desire with God's help to live a consistent Christian life, it will be our privilege to welcome you into our membership.

The Calvary Membership Course, taught by Senior Pastor Dr. John Munro, is required for all those considering membership at Calvary. This course gives an overview of our history, doctrine, practices and vision. Bring your Bible!

The next Wednesday evening session will run April 15–May 20, at 6:30–8:00 PM in room 232. A summer weekend class is also offered on Saturdays, June 13 and June 20, at 9:00 AM–12:15 PM in room 232. Please register in advance online. Contact: Paula Simpson, 704.341.5323, psimpson@calvarychurch.com

take note Bible Heroes

Job, Jacob, Moses, Peter, & Thomas

Wednesday, April 15–May 13 ■ 6:30–8:00 PM, Crown Room

New 5-week Bible series begins

The Crown Room is THE place to be on Wednesday evenings beginning April 15. For five weeks you'll be inspired by teaching from our Calvary pastors about the lives of "Bible Heroes"—real biblical "giants" who often found themselves struggling with the same issues that confront us today. **The study is FREE; no preregistration is needed.** Join us for dinner between 5:00–6:15 PM, then stay for great teaching! Contact: Pastor David Ingrassia, 704.341.5328, dingrassia@calvarychurch.com

April 15 ■ JOB: When Happiness Is Not Enough

April 22 ■ JACOB: Striving for Blessings God Already Promised

April 29 ■ MOSES: Living a Call You Don't Want to Answer

May 6 ■ PETER: Rebuilding a Life with Purpose

May 13 ■ THOMAS: Certainty in an Uncertain World

NOTE: No Wednesday dinner, activities, or classes will be held on April 8.

GO Trip applications due April 15

Plans are being finalized and applications processed for Calvary's 2009 Global Outreach Trips. Calvary has eight unique opportunities this summer to minister around the world through short-term missions projects, often alongside established Calvary missionaries. If you are interested, please visit Galleria table 2A today to pick up an application packet and start the process. Two training classes are mandatory for all GO Trip participants—no exceptions. These classes will be taught by Pastor David Ingrassia and Pastor Jason Jimenez. Please mark your calendar!

- **Team Unity** — Sunday, April 19, 4:00 PM, room 232
- **Evangelism** — Sunday, April 26, 4:00 PM, room 232

Contact: Sue Rimer, 704.341.5322, srimer@calvarychurch.com

Are you at a crossroads in your career?



Calvary's Career Ministry offers practical information, skills development workshops, and Christ-centered encouragement! Join us on **Monday, April 6 at 7:00 PM** in the Crown Room for our next

Networking Meeting. Special guest **Brian Ray, founder and president of Crossroads Career Network**, will present "The Hidden Job Market" and share insider tips for networking and online searches, coupled with the power of prayer. A time of networking will follow his presentation. If you are not yet registered with Calvary's Career Ministry, sign up at www.calvarychurch.com/career to access valuable online resources through our partnership with Crossroads Career Network. Contact: Mitzi Koch, 704.341.5417, mkoch@calvarychurch.com

Lead a Bible study using just your Bible

Want to improve your Bible knowledge and understanding? Join Pastor David Ingrassia for a free workshop, "How to Hold a Bible Study with Just a Bible" on Saturday, April 18 at 9:30 AM–12:30 PM in room 242. Whether you are new to the faith or have been studying the Bible for years, this class will strengthen your biblical understanding and equip you to facilitate Bible discussions at home, the workplace, or in your neighborhood. Class is limited to 40 people; register at www.calvarychurch.com. Contact Debbie Bordwine, 704.341.5328, dbordwine@calvarychurch.com

STRESSED OUT??? We've got a group for that

Do you have problems juggling the many issues of life? Are mortgage payments, job concerns, child care, or other daily tasks causing anxiety? In our Stress Management support group we'll learn how to "run and not grow weary" as we examine healthy ways to deal with life stressors. Discover how to create your own stress management plan using biblical principles. The next 9-week session begins Monday, April 27 at 7:00 PM. The cost is \$10 for materials. Please register online. Contact: Laura Grass, 704.887.368, lgrass@calvarychurch.com

Boundaries: Setting limits is a loving thing

Are your boundaries fuzzy? Do you easily succumb to the needs and demands of other people? Do you avoid saying "no" because of fear of hurting someone's feelings? If you answered "yes" to these questions, then Calvary has a support group for you. Our next 9-week session begins Monday, April 27 at 7:00 PM. The cost is \$30 for materials. Please register online. Contact: Laura Grass, 704.887.3681, lgrass@calvarychurch.com

Calvary offers U.S. citizenship classes

Do you desire to become a U.S. citizen? We can help you understand the process and preparation required. Classes meet Thursday evenings, April 16–May 28, at 7:00–9:00 PM in Conference Room A on the fourth floor. Level II English proficiency is required. Cost is \$40. Contact: Lynn Haines, 704.341.5354, outreach@calvarychurch.com

along the way...

* **Mighty Sports** Students, we're setting up a **5,000 foot arena** outside Calvary on

Saturday, April 18 for an amazing day of **paintball fun!** Middle school plays 8:30 AM–12:00 PM; high school plays 1:00–4:30 PM. At noon we'll enjoy **hotdogs and hamburgers from the grill.**

Cost is \$20; invite a friend and register now online! Contact: Audrey Storms, 704.341.5320,

astorms@calvarychurch.com * **Men's Priority** Men, join us for a light breakfast and

Bible study in the book of James every Tuesday, 6:00–7:30 AM, in the Crown Room. We'll focus on the practical side of our faith and learn to **trust God in the difficult times!** Register online.

Contact: Mitzi Koch, 704.341.5417, mkoch@calvarychurch.com * **Vacation Bible**

School Parents, we're filling our spots quickly! Register your child (rising K–5th grades) for

Calvary's Adventure Island VBS, July 12–16 at www.calvarychurch.com/vbs. **VBS volunteers,**

we need you to sign up too. For more info, stop by Galleria table 7 today. * **Online**

Registration Thank you for registering online at www.calvarychurch.com in advance

(when requested) for many of our classes and events at Calvary. Often we need to prepare food, materials, and meeting space to serve you well. By letting us know you plan to attend, you help

us to be **better stewards** of the resources God provides! * **G-Force** Join this group of

grandmothers who pray for their grandchildren. We'll meet Thursday, April 9, at 9:30–10:30 AM

in the Prayer Room. Come seek the Lord with us! Contact: Judy Clark, 704.845.1130

updates

Today at Calvary ■ April 5

- 8:30 AM Adult Life Groups
- 9:45 AM **Worship Service, Sanctuary** "The Shadows of Gethsemane"
- 9:45 AM Nursery & Children's Classes through 2nd Grade
- 11:00 AM **Spanish Service, Chapel**
- 11:15 AM Adult Life Groups, Nursery, Children's Classes, Student Ministry
- 6:00 PM **Evening Service, Sanctuary** "Missions in Action"

Serving this week

Elder	Vince Eaton	704.846.7366
Deacons	Gregg Johnson	704.544.0991
	William Mayor	704.532.4349

Pastor of the Week—Phil Divine

For pastoral emergencies: **704.957.7200**

Missionaries of the week

Dan & Louise Sheyda serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Charlotte, NC

Journey 2009 reading

Monday	Romans 9
Tuesday	Romans 10
Wednesday	Romans 11
Thursday	Romans 12
Friday	Romans 13

www.calvarychurch.com/journey2009

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No Wednesday dinner, classes, or activities on April 8

Calvary's Wednesday evening activities and the dinner buffet in the Crown Room will resume on April 15. Enjoy the Easter break!

Birth announcements

Congratulations to Nathan & Grace Caskey on the birth of their son, **Noah Chase Caskey**, on March 26

Deepest sympathy to...

Cary & Pat Baucom and family in the loss of Cary's brother-in-law, Mr. Robert Stevenson, on March 23

Sally Holmes and family in the loss of her brother-in-law, Mr. Jack Mullins

Daryl & Marlene Bussert and family in the loss of Daryl's father on March 26

Ron & Terri Richards in the loss of Terri's step-father, Mr. Tom Rosa, on March 28

For the record...

General Fund offering on 3/29 **\$108,873**
General Fund weekly goal \$126,000

Attendance on 3/29		
9:45 AM	Worship Service	2849
11:00 AM	Spanish Service	392
	Morning Total	3241
6:00 PM	Evening Service	480
	Total	3721

Upcoming messages

Senior Pastor John Munro will bring the message, unless otherwise noted.

April 10 7:00 PM "The Darkness of Golgotha" Communion

April 12 9:00 AM **Easter Sunday**
& 10:45 AM "Life After Death"
No evening service

April 19 9:45 AM "The Miracle of Forgiveness"
6:00 PM "Preaching the Word"

April 26 9:45 AM "Experiencing Forgiveness"
6:00 PM Joyful Praise Choir Musical



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